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DONNA GALVIN

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Group Art Unit: 3629

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AMENDMENT

April 11, 2002

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2001. Accompanying this Amendment is a three-month Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period for response through April 12, 2002. Also accompanying this Amendment is a marked-up version of the claims.

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 38 and 43 as follows:

38. (Amended) The automatic door latch restraint assembly of Claim 35, further comprising a manually operable button connected to the second latch for inserting the second latch into the keeper.

43. (Amended) An automatic door latch restraint assembly comprising:
an automatic door latch including a dead bolt movable to an extended position in which the dead bolt automatically locks against retraction when end pressure is applied to the dead bolt, a partially retracted position and a fully retracted position, and a first spring biasing the dead bolt toward the extended position; and
restraint means including a second latch for manually securing the dead bolt in the fully retracted position.

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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue Independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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139 130	139 130	Non-English specification
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
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115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month
116 400	216 200	Extension for reply within second month
117 920	217 460	Extension for reply within third month
118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month
128 1,960	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month
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120 320	220 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
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141 1,280	241 640	Petition to revive - unintentional
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